

REMARKS

Claims 13-24 stand newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent application publication No. 2003/0108154 (hereinafter Schmitt) in view of US patent application publication No. 2003/0108154 (hereinafter Takasawa). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections, and further requests allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 14-16 and 21-24 are presently cancelled. Claims 1-12 were previously canceled. New claims 25 and 26 have been added. Thus, claims 13, 17-20 and 25-26 are presently pending.

MPEP 2143.04 provides that to establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claims limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. All words in a claim must be considered for judging the patentability of the claim against the prior art. If an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. 103, then any claim depending there from is nonobvious.

Independent claims 13 and 20 have been presently amended. See at least paragraphs 0013 and 0014 of the US patent application publication for support for the amended claims and the newly added claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Schmitt/Takasawa combination does not teach each of the structural and/or operational relationships of the claimed invention. More particularly, the Schmitt/Takasawa combination does not teach or suggest forming a current parameter set from a linear combination of selected standard parameter sets, as defined in the respective amended independent claims. Consequently, the Westermann/Vaudrey combination fails to constitute an appropriate *prima facie* combination for sustaining a §103 rejection, and, therefore, the §103 rejections should be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that each of the claims pending in this application recites patentable subject matter and it is further submitted that such claims comply with all statutory requirements and thus each of such claims should be allowed.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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